

# Subatomic (Particle) Physics in Canada

- The Canadian particle physics community
- Our subatomic physics facilities
- Our particle physics program
- Connections with the international community



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# The Canadian Particle Physics Community

- 200 researchers from 25 Canadian institutions
- 15 institutional members of the IPP:

Alberta, Carleton, Laurentian, McGill, Montreal, Perimeter, Queens, Regina, Simon Fraser, Toronto, TRIUMF, UBC, Victoria, Western, York

- Our community consists of
  - 125 experimentalists (ATLAS, T2K, SNOLAB, smaller experiments)
  - 75 theorists (phenomenology, string theory, formal theory)



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## Defining the Canadian Particle Physics Program

- Build a community consensus around projects that:
  0. Have potential to answer crucial particle physics question(s);
  1. Involve a diverse group of Canadian particle physics researchers;
  2. Have financial support for development/construction/operation or exploitation of a 'full experiment' from Canadian funding agency, not just R&D money;
  3. Be a fully approved part of the experimental programme at the host lab or in the host country;
  4. Complement existing parts of the Canadian program. Our community is sufficiently small that we are better served by focused efforts on one experiment in each field/area/accelerator.

## The Current Canadian Program

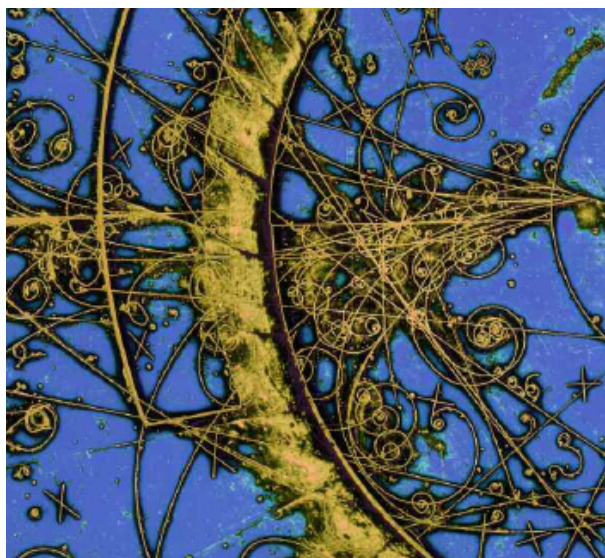
Experiment	Data-taking		Investigators (FTE)
	Start	End	
ATLAS	2009	2025+	43 (39)
BaBar	2000	2008	10 (4)
CDF	1992	2011	5 (1)
DEAP	2013	2017+	13 (8)
EXO-200	2011	2013?	6 (4)
$\pi \rightarrow e$	2009	2012	4 (2)
PICASSO	2004	2014+	7 (4)
SNO+	2013	2017+	15 (9)
T2K	2009	2015+	19 (15)
VERITAS	2007	2015+	2 (2)

- Is this program serving the community?
  - Yes,  $\approx 90$  experimental FTEs (125 experimental faculty)
- We are in the final stages of transition from

SNO  $\Rightarrow$  Picasso, SNO+, DEAP      &      ZEUS, CDF, BaBar  $\Rightarrow$  ATLAS, T2K



# Canadian Subatomic Physics Long Range Plans



## Perspectives on Subatomic Physics in Canada

2006-2016

REPORT OF THE NSERC  
LONG-RANGE  
PLANNING COMMITTEE



## The Subatomic Universe: Canada in the Age of Discovery

Report of the Natural Sciences and Engineering  
Research Council of Canada (NSERC)  
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## L'univers subatomique : le Canada à l'âge de la découverte

Rapport du Comité  
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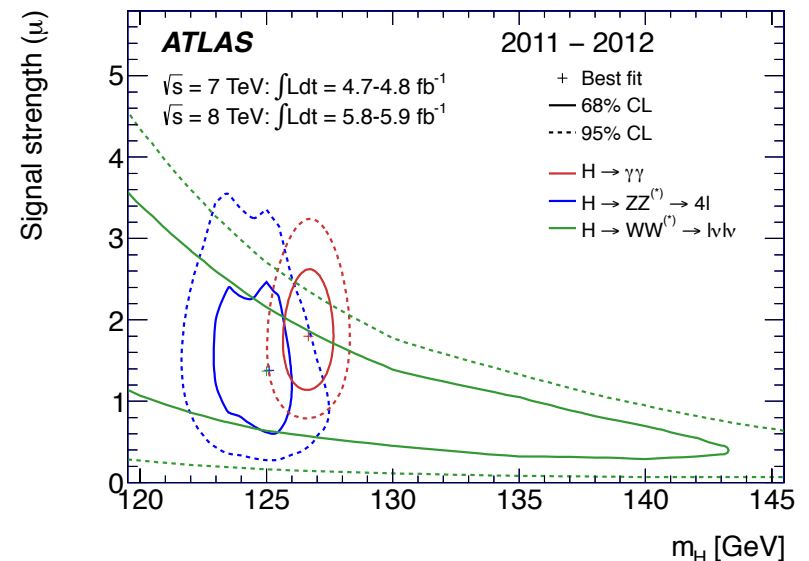
# Overview of Particle Physics in Canada

- ATLAS: Explore the energy frontier at the LHC
  - Operations underway, fully engaged in physics, planning upgrades
  - 40 faculty and 100 postdocs/students maintaining detector and studying the data (25 PhD thesis completed)
- SNOLAB: Infrastructure complete
  - SNO+ and DEAP/CLEAN nearing completion
  - First measurements in the next few years
- T2K:  $\theta_{13}$  measured, working on systematics
  - Canadian detector contributions working well after earthquake
  - Leading physics studies, low energy systematic checks at TRIUMF
- Future: Active in sLHC and ILC studies
  - TRIUMF developing SRF expertise (electron isotope facility)
  - Canadians prepared to contribute strongly to future HEP projects

# ATLAS

- 5-7% of ATLAS collaboration
- Incredible start to data-taking
  - More than  $20 \text{ fb}^{-1}$  of data now
  - Higgs discovery is only first step
  - Canadians active in all areas
  - Tier1 centre(s) critical to re-processings
- ATLAS (and ATLAS-Canada) ready to exploit expanding datasets
- TRIUMF collaborating on sLHC injectors
- Canadians leading ATLAS upgrade R&D

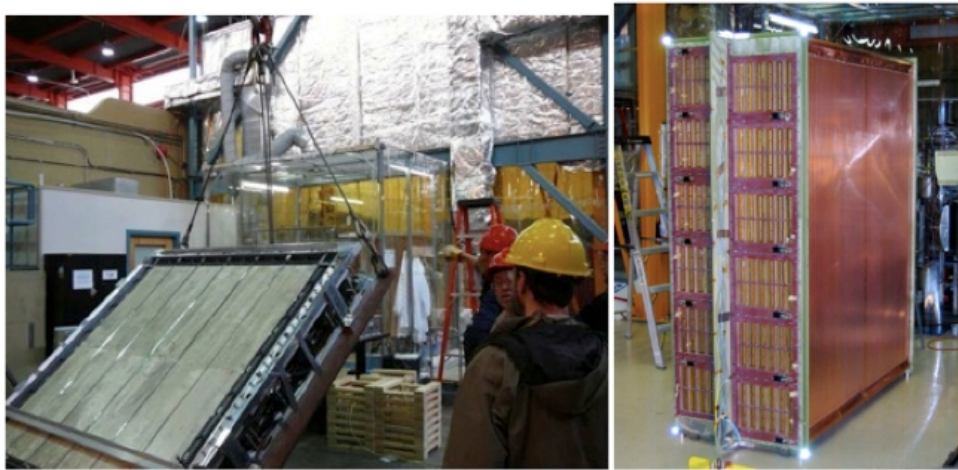
Major commitment of 1/3 of the Canadian experimental community



- ATLAS-Canada continues to grow (1/2 of eHEP faculty hired in Canada since 2000)

## T2K

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  - Off-axis beam concept invented in Canada
- Made major contributions to ND280
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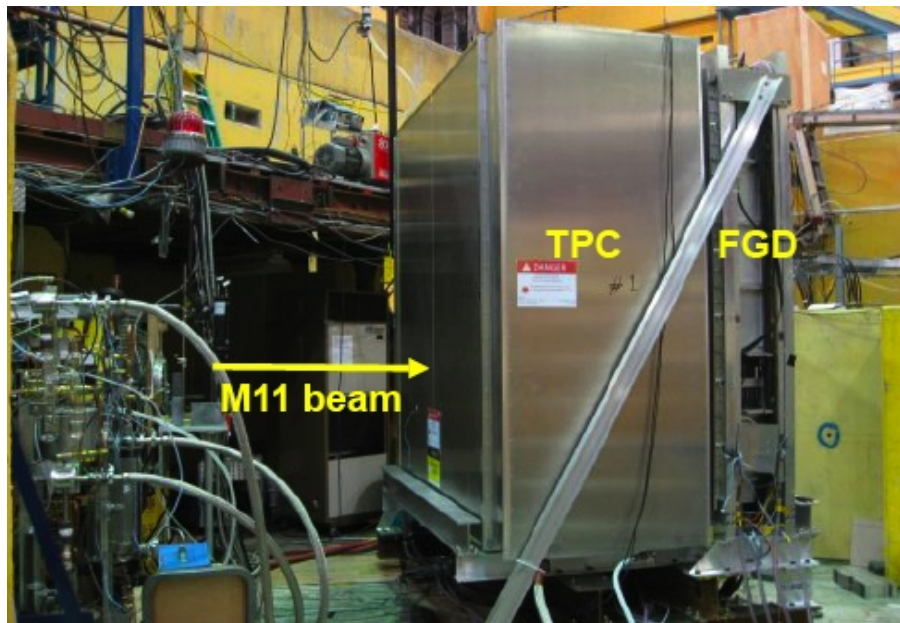


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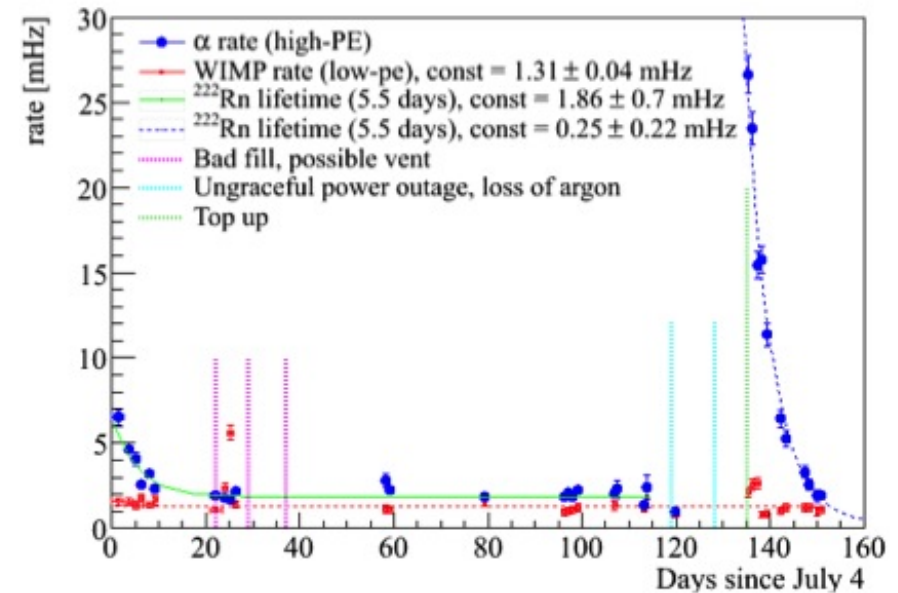
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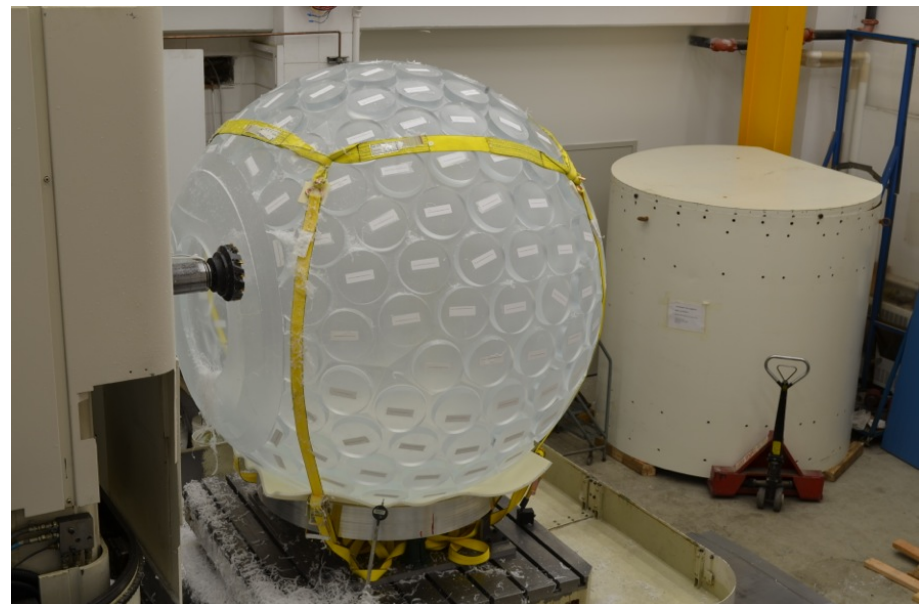
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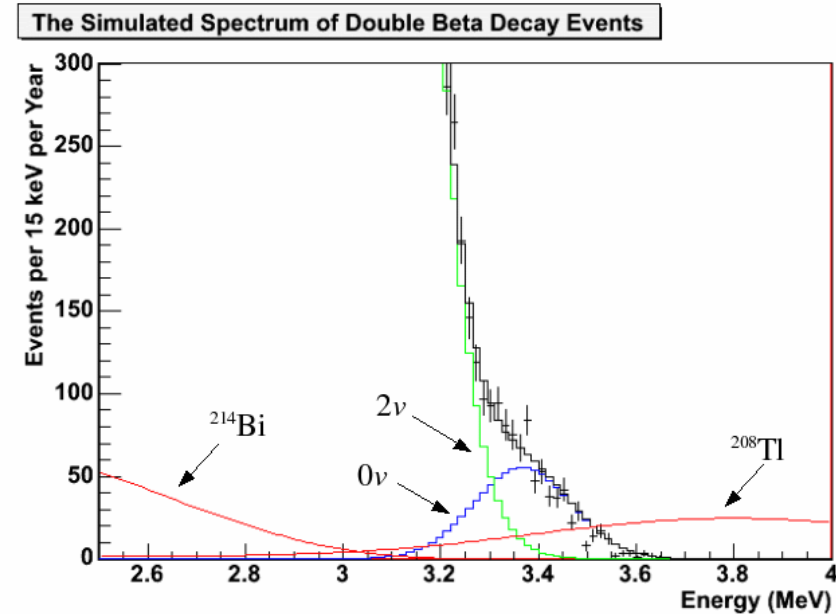
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# PICASSO

- Dark matter one of the compelling mysteries
- Search with super-heated droplet technology
- Low activity detector materials are key
- PICASSO steadily increasing mass
- 2.6 kg mass now in SNOLAB ladder labs
- New electronics exploits time-correlation significantly improving alpha/WIMP discrimination
- At the forefront establishing world's best spin-dependent limits
- Refreshing target modules as cleaner materials become available
- Cooperating with COUPP (Chicago/Fermilab) on next generation





## The Future of the Canadian Programme

Experiment	Timeline		Investigators
	Start	End	
ATLAS	2009	2025++	40
T2K	2009	2015+	20
PICASSO/COUPP	2006	2013+	10
SNO+	2013	2015+	15
DEAP/CLEAN	2013	2015+	10
SuperB	2017 (?)	2025	10
Linear Collider,...	2020+	—	20-30+

- ATLAS is centre-piece of collider physics in Canada
- Converging on SNOLAB experimental programme
- Build future neutrino program on T2K contributions
- Possible involvement in SuperB
- Establish foundation for commitment to next collider

# North American Cooperation in Particle Physics

- Important Canadian contributions to BaBar and CDF
- Natural geographic partners
- Began discussing North American cooperation on high energy physics at FALC meetings 3-4 years ago
- Have had a series meetings with Canadian proponents
  - Community: TRIUMF, SNOLAB, Perimeter, IPP
  - Agencies: NRC, NSERC, CFI, Industry ministry
- Suggested a list of possible topics of common interest:
  - SNOLAB/SUSEL experiments and R&D
  - Next generation long baseline neutrino experiments
  - Building a joint position on CERN relations
  - ILC development and SRF R&D
  - Facilitating movement of researchers among North American labs

## Cooperation with Japan

- Natural trans-pacific ties between TRIUMF and Japanese labs
- Build on serendipitous cooperation with systematic contributions
  - T2K is a prime example of this
  - TRIUMF/RIKEN signed MOU
- Annual Canada/Japan (TRIUMF/KEK) symposia for the last 5 years
  - July 2009 at Canadian embassy
  - In conjunction with JPARC opening

### Japan Particle Accelerator Science Symposium

Japan - Canada Collaboration and Internationalization  
in Particle Accelerator Science



July 7, 2009

Hosted by  
Co-hosted by

Embassy of Canada in Japan  
National Laboratory for  
Particle and Nuclear Physics (TRIUMF)  
Institute of Particle Physics (IPP)  
High Energy Accelerator Research Organization  
(KEK)

In Cooperation with



## Cooperation with CERN

- Canadians were 20% of the OPAL collaboration
- Among the first to commit to an LHC machine contribution (1995)
- Have a strong contingent on ATLAS
- Established Canadian participation in CERN summer student programme
- Canadian participants in CERN summer high school teacher program
- Contributions to LHC/ATLAS are highly visible in Canada
- Developing an industrial forum with potential to be CERN suppliers
  - Looking for projects that match our expertise in LHC upgrade path
- Some engagement at political level Associate Member discussions

## Summary

- Canadian particle physicists have had a major impact on the physics of BaBar, CDF, SNO, ZEUS – our recently completed projects
- Starting to see the fruits of our investments in ATLAS, T2K and PICASSO
- A number of projects are on the horizon
  - Launch of the scientific program at SNOLAB:
    - \* DEAP / CLEAN and SNO+
  - Working to understand what's next on the Energy Frontier
- Significant community renewal going smoothly
  - Half of the particle physics faculty hired in the last ten years
- TRIUMF now formulating its next five year funding request
- Challenge: 30-40% increase in research activity while operating funding has remained **constant**